

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MAY 8, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. THOMSON submitted the following

REPORT

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Anna Mitchell, widow of Darius Mitchell, praying for a pension for the revolutionary services of her husband, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report :*

That the petitioner states that her husband served at different periods from 1775 until the end of the revolutionary war, and therefore prays a pension.

To entitle the petitioner to pension under the general laws, her husband must have served in the continental line, State troops, volunteers, or militia, at one or more terms, a period of six months.

Your committee have carefully examined the evidence presented, and are constrained to agree with the Commissioner of Pensions, who states "that a service of six months of her husband in the revolutionary war is not shown, unless, indeed, reliance is placed upon the mere *opinion* of the witnesses. The difficulty of obtaining legal evidence at this date cannot be regarded as a justifiable reason for admitting claims of this kind upon insufficient proof."

They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

